

Senate Resolution 1497

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Freddie Ashmon, Jr., on his outstanding public service;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Freddie Ashmon, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service as a Douglas County Commissioner; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Ashmon represents District 1 of Douglas County which encompasses Lithia
10 Springs, north Douglasville, the eastern portion of Winston, and the Douglas County portion
11 of Austell; and

12 WHEREAS, the first African American Commissioner in Douglas County history, Mr.
13 Ashmon has served as a commissioner since 2006 and has been a resident of Lithia Springs
14 since 1998; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Ashmon's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
16 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the
17 citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
18 associates; and

19 WHEREAS, a native of Montezuma, Georgia, Mr. Ashmon earned a bachelor's degree in
20 business administration from Paine College, where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi
21 fraternity, and a technical degree from Atlanta Area Tech and is pursuing a master's degree
22 in technology management from Mercer University; and

23 WHEREAS, during his tenure as commissioner, Mr. Ashmon has advocated for stricter
24 maintenance codes which force owners to properly maintain their properties, initiated a
25 sidewalk project for Lithia Springs school children, established a new park in Lithia Springs,
26 and created the Big Daddy Humanitarian Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works
27 with government to reduce foreclosures and decrease crime by identifying drug dealers; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Ashmon has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades,
29 including a Local Government Merit Award of Excellence and Humanitarian Award from
30 the *Atlanta Business Journal*, a Public Service Award from the Douglas County Democratic
31 Party, and the 2007 Service Award from the 7th Day Adventist Church; and

32 WHEREAS, he has served with honor and distinction as a Douglas County Commissioner
33 and his vision and unyielding commitment set the standard for public service; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
35 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 commend Mr. Freddie Ashmon, Jr., for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
38 public service to the State of Georgia.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Freddie Ashmon, Jr.